



## CITY OF ATLANTA

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The Honorable Henry E. Hudson  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of Virginia  
Lewis F. Powell, Jr., U.S. Courthouse  
1000 East Main Street, Suite 305  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Judge Hudson:

I am writing you on behalf of Michael Vick. I have enjoyed a unique opportunity to get to know Michael while serving as the Mayor for the City of Atlanta, a position to which I was elected during Michael's first season with Atlanta's NFL franchise.

Having gotten to know Michael personally, I was disappointed to hear about the events that landed him in your courtroom. Since first meeting him, I have come to know him as a devoutly generous, warm-hearted, and kind individual. He embraced his position as one of Atlanta's most significant role models.

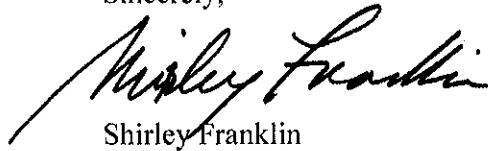
Michael especially was a role model for the City's underprivileged children. To them, Michael was much more than just a football player. He gave those kids hope. For each home football game, Michael arranged for a number of underprivileged children from the Boys & Girls Club to attend, and he frequently made donations to charitable organizations that benefited children, both in terms of money and his personal time.

Knowing how much Michael means to the City of Atlanta, I sat down and talked with him this summer following his guilty plea. He struck me as genuinely remorseful for his involvement in this crime and indicated that he accepts full responsibility for his actions and those associated with him for hurting and killing dogs. He is prepared to deal with the consequences of his conduct, and aspires to restore his role as a law-abiding and respected member of the community. Though this will not be a simple task, Michael's character will allow him to accomplish it if given an opportunity.

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I truly believe that following any prison term you may impose, Michael will emerge an even stronger citizen. I respectfully ask that you consider Michael's many past contributions to this community as you determine his sentence. His willingness to be a beacon of hope for underprivileged children, and the invaluable lessons regarding poor decision-making will be among the many things he can share with others in the future. I ask that any sentence you impose allows this young man an opportunity to attempt a return to his employment with the NFL.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley Franklin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

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